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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME to the Psoriatic Arthropathy Alliance (PAA), the first of its kind in the country dealing with Psoriatic Arthritis (PA) as a condition in its own right.

The organisation was set up in April 1993 by David and Julie Chandler, for the benefit of those unfortunate enough to have developed the rare form of arthritis associated with the common skin disorder known as psoriasis.

Although considered a minority condition, it is estimated that 40–50,000 people in the UK have this painful, distressing illness and numbers seem to be on the increase. It is also quite prevalent in other countries such as Canada.

There is a desperate lack of knowledge available to those with the condition, their families /partners & carers, who can all too easily feel isolated, and very seldom get the chance to talk with others who have PA. The PAA hopes to redress the balance by raising awareness of the condition and putting people in touch with one another.

The PAA, although a small organisation, is growing steadily and consistently and has done a considerable amount in the short time it has been formed considering its limited resources. It has been mostly self-funded by the Founders and small donations received along the way.

It strongly believes in forging links and co-operating with other patient groups, health professionals and professional organisations both here and abroad for the benefit of those who wish to use the PAA and learn more about the Condition.

In the face of adversity and pain there will always be friendship, support and a listening ear at the Alliance.

Charity status pending.

Members of:

The British League Against Rheumatism (BLAR);
The Genetic Interest Group (GIG);
The Skin Care Campaign (SCC);
The Long-Term Medical Conditions Alliance (LMCA);
The All Party Parliamentary Group For Skin.

DAVID CHANDLER

Co-Founder & Joint Managing Director of PAA

SINCE leaving school at 16, David has worked in the family run vehicle crash repair business, working his way up to become a full partner, until May 1995, when he had to retire from this physical, demanding career due to progressive ill health. He now works full-time as Co-Ordinator for the Skin Care Campaign, administered by the National Eczema Society of London.

David has had psoriasis since his early teens and was diagnosed with psoriatic arthritis six years ago. In April 1993, along with his wife Julie, he formed the nationwide self-funded Psoriatic Arthropathy Alliance (PAA), formerly known as "Support Group", to provide much needed information and support to other patients and their families/partners.

Both David and Julie would like to see rheumatology and dermatology working more closely side by side, for better patient management of all aspects of psoriasis and PA.

They both have first hand knowledge of what it is like to be patients at the sharp end with long term medical conditions.

JULIE CHANDLER

Co-Founder & Joint Managing Director of PAA

FORMERLY a legal secretary, now a full-time mother to daughter Hannah, aged 1½, Julie administers the day-to-day running of the PAA, dealing with queries, new memberships, promotion of the PAA, liaises with the Board of Directors and Medical team on a regular basis, chairing the PAA meetings, reporting back on the work of the PAA, producing the newsletters & journals and basically keeping everything tightly together and on course, and she is also David's PA!

Julie attends meetings on a regular basis on behalf of the PAA and has recently been appointed as a Trustee on the Board of the Genetic Interest Group (GIG).

She strongly believes that the work of the PAA is essential for the benefit of those already diagnosed and those yet to be told.

Like David she has a long term medical condition and has had experience from a very early age of long term medical conditions suffered by her own family, so is only too well aware of the difficulties and frustrations not to mention the anguish involved.

PATRICK PARKER
Public Relations Consultant and Director of PAA

PATRICK has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for over 25 years after graduation in Pharmacy and Pharmacology.

During the 1980s he became deeply involved in medical communications, company business strategy, corporate planning and market analysis. Latterly, as chairman of the Public Affairs Group of the Contraceptive Foundation (now Alliance), his role has included communication in AIDS to the lay public and working with the DHSS, and with Medico-legal implications.

Patrick's specialist areas include infectious diseases, psychiatry, education, dermatology, rheumatology, arthritis and contraceptives. He works with groups such as the British Association of Dermatologists, British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association and the British Society for Investigative Dermatology. He has been involved with the Skin Care Campaign since its inception and has provided help to all the member patient groups.

CHRIS FRIEND, MIMgt, MIPR, AIPharmMI
Consultant and Director of PAA

CHRIS initially trained in General Sciences and worked in research for the Medical Research Council in the field of Human Nutrition. His industrial and commercial career has spanned 29 years working for the Upjohn Company.

Since early 1994 Chris has run his own company specialising in Government relations and Public Affairs in health care issues and marketing.

He is also a tutor for the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council Graduate Schools, specialising in marketing, sales, management, industry and communication. He has been appointed Course Director for the Graduate School at Brunel University in September 1995.

ANN DUGDALE, MA

Product Manager and Director of PAA

HAVING graduated in Modern Languages, Ann started her career in FMCG marketing and with an advertising agency before moving into the pharmaceutical industry. Over the last three years she has been involved in the marketing of a variety of dermatological products.

Ann has always taken a keen interest in supporting patient groups and became involved with the PAA from its very first days.

Ann lives in Hertfordshire and spends most of her time with her horse!

KATE HEATH

Director of PAA

KATE is 38 years old and married with a lively 5 year old boy.

She has worked in the pharmaceutical industry, specialising in Toxicity testing for some 20+ years and is at present employed by Glaxo Wellcome. She attained her Fellowship of the IAT in 1985.

She was diagnosed with PA back in 1992 and hence joined up with Julie and David in the early days of the group.

Mrs TRICIA HOBBS

Membership Secretary and Director of PAA

TRICIA is married to Geoff who is 53 years old and has been a PA sufferer since his late teens.

Tricia works in the Sales / Customer Services Department for a Company that manufactures and produces surgical equipment, much of which is used in heart and lung surgery.

Her role within the PAA is to maintain all membership records, as well as, wherever possible, to assist Julie and David in their work.

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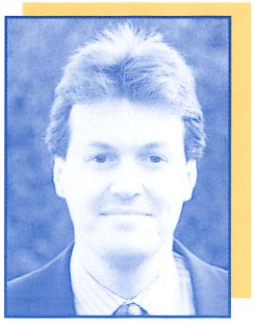

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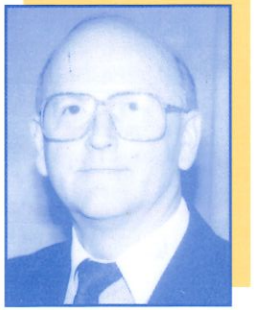

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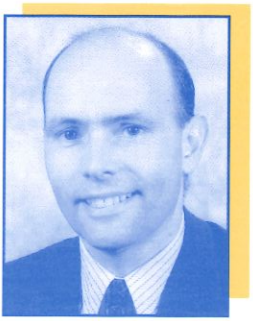

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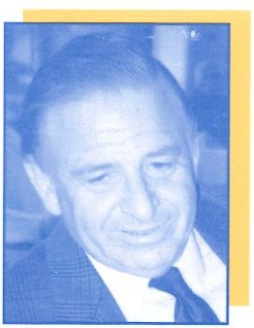

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Dr A VIRGINIA CAMP
Director of PAA

VIRGINIA is Consultant in Rheumatology and Disability Medicine to the South Buckinghamshire NHS Trust and has been in this position since 1972. She previously worked in the Oxford Region training in rheumatology and rehabilitation and trained at Edinburgh University.

She is married with two children and her particular interests are in suppressive agents for arthritis, acupuncture and working with voluntary groups to provide information and independence for all people with disability.

Dr ANTHONY WHITE, MBCHB, FRCP, D Phys Med
Consultant Rheumatologist and Director of PAA

Dr WHITE is a graduate of the University of Bristol Medical School, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, President-Elect, Section of Rheumatology and Rehabilitation of the Royal Society of Clinical Sciences, University College, London.

He is a Consultant at the Royal Free Hospital, where he undertook his specialist training and started the Psoriatic Arthritis Clinic. He is also the senior consultant rheumatologist at the Whittington Hospital.

He takes a keen interest in educational matters, teaching medical students at both hospitals, providing postgraduate teaching at the Academic Centre, Whittington Hospital, and is a Governor of Channing School, Highgate.

Apart from psoriatic arthritis his other interests in the field of rheumatology are spinal inflammation and mechanical spinal problems, the overlap between rheumatology and neurology with particular reference to nerve conduction studies and electromyography, and means of measuring outcome both in individual patients and in the broader socio-political area of the impact of policy changes on patient care.

He is married and has four daughters.

Dr SHARON M JONES, BM, MRCP
Senior Registrar in Rheumatology and Medical Advisor to PAA

SHARON is Senior Registrar in Rheumatology at the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases. She graduated from Southampton University in 1987 and obtained her MRCP at London in 1990. She is currently preparing a MD thesis on aspects of psoriatic arthritis.

PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER GRIFFITHS, MD
Professor of Dermatology, Manchester and Medical Advisor to PAA

HAVING trained at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London, Chris Griffiths has worked both in the UK and the USA as a dermatologist.

He is actively involved with the British Society for Investigative Dermatology and sits on the editorial boards of Clinical and Experimental Dermatology and the European Journal of Dermatology. His research interests include photoaging, psoriasis, retinoids and dermatopharmacology. He is currently setting up a new psoriasis clinic at Manchester where he is Professor of Dermatology.

Chris is married with one child and lives in Cheshire.

Ms SHERRY LYNNE ROSS

Medical Advisor to PAA

SHERRY LYNNE ROSS, 29, is a Specialist Dermatology Sister, currently working for Newham Healthcare NHS Trust, assisting with the development and expansion of dermatology. She is involved with all aspects of dermatology, from in-patient treatments to PUVA, minor ops, etc. She also helps with education of other nurses within the hospital and at courses organised by the National Eczema Society.

Sherry has suffered with psoriasis since the age of 14 and has had 5 episodes of hospital admission herself.

She previously worked at the Dermatology Unit, Clatterbridge Hospital, South Wirral, Merseyside and at St John's Institute of Dermatology, St Thomas' Hospital, London.

Ambitions – to win the lottery and build a huge dermatology unit.

Ms ELIZABETH ROSS

Clinical Research Assistant

ELIZABETH is currently completing a PhD with John Morrow and Professor Anthony Pinching in the immunology department at St Bartholomew's Hospital. Her research is focused upon the contribution of T cells to the pathogenesis of psoriatic arthritis.

After completing her microbiology degree in Canada she travelled to the United Kingdom and took up a post in St John's Institute of Dermatology at Guy's Hospital working with Prof Rod Hay and Dr Jonathan Barker. During this period she attended King's College and was awarded a Master's Degree in Immunology with distinction.

She has been involved in medical research since 1990 and has published a number of papers which explore interactions between the immune system and the skin. The project which she is involved in at the moment is investigating the connection between the skin and joint lesions which occur in psoriatic arthritis and new recruits to the study are most welcome.

DOUGLAS GOLDING, MA, NMD, FRCP, D Phys Med
Consultant Rheumatologist and Medical Advisor to PAA

DOUGLAS studied medicine at Trinity College, Dublin, where he obtained his MD and Membership of the Royal College of Physicians. He specialised in rheumatology and was appointed Consultant Rheumatologist to Princess Alexandra and West Essex Hospitals in 1964.

Douglas now divides his time between the NHS and private hospitals and is a visiting lecturer in rheumatology at Trinity College, Dublin.

His interests and hobbies include piano playing and sailing.

JAN DE VRIES
Naturopath, Author and Broadcaster and Medical Advisor to PAA

JAN is one of Britain's most well known proponents of alternative medicine.

He was born in Holland and studied pharmacy. During his first few years in the pharmacy field he met Dr Alfred Vogel, the famous phytotherapist from Switzerland, who opened up new ways of thinking for Jan.

In 1970 Jan moved with his family to Troon on the southwest coast of Scotland, where he set up a residential clinic. He now holds consultations throughout the UK and in Holland.

Jan frequently writes articles in various magazines and also broadcasts regularly on the radio. He also does numerous public lectures and his exuberant and charismatic style is always received very enthusiastically.

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